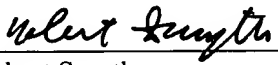


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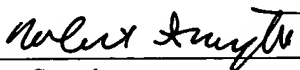
RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated June 17, 2003 (Paper No. 10) Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1 to 15, 31 and 32) drawn to antimicrobial compositions comprising protonated compounds comprising the structure X-Y-Z, with traverse. This response is being filed with a petition for a five-month extension of time extending the period for response from July 17, 2003 to December 17, 2003 and authorization to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. With regard to the traversal, Applicants submit that the method of claim 30 and the compositions of claims 1 to 15, 31 and 32 constitute a single invention because the haloperoxide containing compositions disclosed in U.S. patent 5,510,104 cannot be used to practice the method of claim 30. Specifically, the disclosed haloperoxide compositions in the cited reference require co-administration (see abstract) of a halide compound (e.g., chloride or bromide) and as such, these haloperoxide compositions cannot be used alone to practice the as claimed method of claim 30. Applicants therefore request rejoinder of the method of claim 30 with the claims in Group I.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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